

Renewal - Annual Membership Dues

Options for Payment

1. **Check or Cash Payments:** On your own accord or as per the American Legion National Headquarters membership reminders that you receive from July until December, pay cash or check directly to the Post Adjutant or the Finance Officer. Current annual membership dues is \$35. You can also mail a check with your American Legion reminder notice to the provided Post 197 address (P.O. Box 781, Zebulon, GA 30295). Make check payable to American Legion Post 197. Your membership card will then be sent to you by the Post 197 Adjutant. One advantage by paying by check or cash is that the Post will immediately know when you have paid your dues and who paid.

If you prefer to pay by cash, please coordinate a meeting time with the Post Finance Officer or Post Adjutant for cash payment. The Post Adjutant will ensure you get your new annual membership card.

In the past and recently, Post 197 has received multiple same person payments due to these multiple American Legion reminders that most Legionnaires get from July to December. It appears that regardless of whether you previously paid or not, you will get these reminders. Most of us who have served or are just getting old are in some state of mental degradation and may not remember that they have previously paid for the same year. In any case, we get several double and in rare cases triple payments from the same member for the same membership year. If you can't remember if you have paid or not, always check your current membership card. After 1 July 2025, every member who has paid for 2026 will be receiving their 2026 membership card. If you check for your card and see 2025 or an earlier year, you probably have not paid your dues for 2026. Again you can always contact the **Post Adjutant – Steve Golias at 404-790-6609 or the Post Finance Officer – Bryan Richardson at 678-764-2611.**

2. **Renew on-line:** If you want to renew on-line, click on the link:

<https://mylegion.org/personifyebusiness/Membership/Renew#legion-org>

Or click on **Renew**. Follow the instructions to renew. Current Post annual membership dues is \$35. You have the option of one to three years or you can pay for life membership. One you renew on line for a specific year, the system will not let you renew or accidentally attempt to renew for the years you have paid. The Post Adjutant will be notified that you have renewed your membership and will mail you your membership card.

If you have a few years that you did not pay, and would like to get credit for those years, there is an opportunity on-line to receive credit for those years by providing payment of \$35 for each year that you did not pay. Payment of missed years will give you credit for those years as well as complete your continuous membership status.

3. **Auto Annual Payments:** For those of you who tend to forget each year if you have renewed or not, despite the multiple reminders, there is an opportunity to pay your annual membership dues through annual auto payments. If, you have already paid for 2026, the system will not allow you to initiate auto pay. You will have to do this after 1 July 2027.

4. **Paid Up For Life (PUFL):** The final option is to enroll in the PUPL program. There are several of us in the Post who are PUPL members. The good thing is that you get a permanent plastic membership card and an annual paper membership card, no membership reminders, and not having to worry about Options 1-3 above. The biggest disadvantage is that it is a major expense up front. I would recommend at least checking PUFL out and seeing how much the up-front cost is, and then make your decision.

Here are the online procedures for On-line, Auto Renewal, and PUFL:

Click on:

<https://mylegion.org/personifyebusiness/Membership/Renew#legion-org> Or click on [Renew](#)..

1. At the top of the American Legion page in the middle of three red (could be blue also) menu icons is the "Renew" icon. Click on the "Renew" icon.
2. Scroll down the new page until you see the Member ID and Last Name blocks. Fill them out and click on the "Submit" icon. This is where you will find out if you have previously paid. The system simple logs you in to the American Legion Home Page.
3. If you have not paid and click on the "Submit" icon, a window will pop up asking you if you would to auto pay. Although it actually does not matter which icon "Yes" or "No" select the icon as to how you want to pay.
4. After clicking either of the icons, you will see the page that says "Membership Renewal Notice. Scroll down and fill out all the appropriate boxes. When filling out the blocks, you will eventually see "Renewal Options". Here is where you check for automatic renewal and annual reminders. If you just want to do a one-time payment, do not check the respective block

If you are interested in PUFL, do step 1 above. At the American Legion Home Page, scrolled all the way down to the bold title "Members" which is close to the bottom of the page. Click on "Paid Up For Life". This site will redirect you to the myLegion.org site. If you do not have a myLegion.org account, you will need to start one up. Once you have created an account, click on the blue "Membership" icon, figure out your "for life" payment, and if still interested, then follow the instructions to establish the PUFL.

If you have any questions on any of the above, feel free to email Bryan Richardson, the current Finance Officer at rich5060@bellsouth.net or phone/text at 678-764-2611. Also, if you make a payment on line or by mail, give the Adjutant and Finance Officer a heads up so that they can track your payment and prepare to get your membership card mailed to you as soon as possible.